MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Is the honourable member aware that so many patients are accommodated in the veranda because of want of beds?

DR. S. JOHN: Arrangements are being made. For example, a new out-patient block has been constructed. The dispensary existing there has been converted into pay wards. There is no space available to put up buildings on this or the other side of the road. In that small compound we cannot put up a number of sheds.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government consider the question of acquiring some site to put up new buildings?

DR. S. JOHN: If places are available nearby, Government will consider the question.

Kanjirapally District Hospital.

253. ✱ **MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased so state:

(*a*) whether they have received an offer for the construction of a new ward attached to the Kanjirapally District Hospital;

(*b*) whether they have accepted the offer; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes. There was an offer from Mr. V. M. Syed Mohamed Rowther for the construction of a maternity ward in the premises of the Government Hospital, Kanjirapally.

(*b*) and (*c*) The offer was accepted on condition that Mr. Rowther remits a sum of S. Rs. 10,000 in a Government Treasury. Mr. Rowther expressed his unwillingness to remit the full amount, but promised to remit the amount in four instalments which the Government were not prepared to accept.

Kottayam District Hospital.

254. ✱ **MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the daily average number of in-patients in the Kottayam District Hospital in 1121 till the 15th Mithunam;

(*b*) the number of out-patients;

(*c*) the number of major operations conducted there this year;

(*d*) the number of minor operations conducted there this year;

(*e*) how many patients have used the Ambulance van of the hospital;

(*f*) whether any applications for the Ambulance Van have been rejected; and

(*g*) if so, the number of applications so rejected?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Daily average in-patients 219.

(*b*) Daily average out-patients 310.

(*c*) 711.

(*d*) 860.

(*e*) 222.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) 5 or 6 applications, when the car was out of order.

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